

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:
a handle

a flexible stabilizing member connected to the handle and having
ends formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; ~~and~~
a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to
receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack
when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position;
and

wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves to receive at
least one of the cross wires.

2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.

3. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.

4. (original) The device of claim 3 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.

5. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.

6.-9. (cancelled)

10. (new) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:
a handle having a connecting flange;
a flexible stabilizing member connected to the connecting flange of the handle and having ends formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; and
a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position.
11. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.
12. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.
13. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.
14. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.
15. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein the hook member has a groove to receive at least one of the cross wires.
16. (new) The device of claim 10 wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves.

17. (new) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:

a handle

a flexible arcuate stabilizing member connected to the handle

and having ends with a horizontal portion formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; and

a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position.

18. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.

19. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.

20. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.

21. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.

22. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein the hook member has a groove to receive at least one of the cross wires.

23. (new) The device of claim 17 wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves.